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*The mission of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:
Teach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all;
Reach the lost with the same Word by the witness of our words and actions;
Care for all in need as we live in Christ's love through the same Word.*

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Rev Roger D Eden

Marriage 9-4-1971

Joseph Leo Barger & JoAnne Marie Kukelhan

100 Years Ago - Pastor Ludwig W Dornseif

No events during September 1921

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during September 1871

Submitted by Allen Franz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR FINANCIAL TEAM thanks the members of St. Peter for their faithful financial support of the church's ministries. To God alone be the glory.

UPDATED CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORIES are printed and available in the Narthex. Please contact Jen Fuelling with any corrections.

SPI FISH AND TENDLEROIN: The first meeting for the 2021 Fish and Tenderloin is scheduled for Tuesday August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Mike and Bonnie Crosby's shed, 10605 N 100 E. We need volunteers, for this fun and amazing committee, to help plan and organize the dinner and bake sale. This is a great way to meet new people and be a part of the SPI family. If you have questions, please call Amber Shaffer 223-9897 or Erin Franz 341-2932

FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN is hosting a picnic for the area high school youth on Sunday, September 12, from 5:00–9:00 p.m. There will be a bonfire, food, drinks, yard games, and perhaps a few competitions between the youth of the different churches. We'll also offer the opportunity to tour the house and learn a bit about Pastor Wyneken and his work in the area. The house is located at 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur, IN. Other than the optional tours of the Wyneken House, everything will be outdoors—either out in the lawn or under tents. Please let Pastor Tanksley know if you are interested in attending.

DO YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR CHILDREN? The Wyneken Child Care (Decatur) has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 260-639-6064.

PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED AT EMMAUS: Do you love children? Are you looking for a position where you make a difference in the life of a child? Emmaus Lutheran Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in need of an afternoon Preschool aide. The hours are great for a Mom who wants to work when their children are in school and have the same days off as their children. It's also a great position for a retired person who wants to work just a few hours a day. Hours we are looking for are Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you are interested please see Joann Olsen or call her at 456-7722 X1012.

THE FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN will be hosting its eighth annual beer and wine tasting Saturday, September 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. The event will feature drinking, dining, and socializing, and will be held outside under tents behind the Wyneken House. There will also be a silent auction from 6:00–8:00 and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, with a maximum of 150 tickets for sale. You must be 21 to attend. For more information or to purchase tickets, call or text Tina at (260) 437-0420 or send an email to friendsofwyneken1858@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to "Friends of Wyneken" and addressed to 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur, IN 46733.



Blessings to those celebrating in September!

September Birthdays

1	Joel Lehrman	15	Allison Kukelhan
3	Sharon Banning	18	Martin Fuelling
4	Elaine Fuelling	20	Jim Linder
5	Margene Fuelling	20	Kevin Scherer
5	Jason Buuck	21	Jocelyn Linder
6	Michael Crosby	22	Alexis Counterman
6	Trey Gerke	24	Troy Gerke
9	Suzann Rekeweg	25	John Fuelling
10	Janell Harper	26	Haylee Franz
11	Shauna Franz	26	Maddox Warren
12	Phillip Schieferstein	28	Arnold Gerke
12	Esme Rose Schroeder	29	Matthew Berning
13	Hazel Franz		

September Anniversaries

September 4, 1982
James & Rebecca Fuelling

September 7, 1985
Larry & Kaylehn Brunner

September 12, 1980
Chris & Cindy Kortenber

September 13, 2003
Josh & Laura Gresley

September 16, 2005
Aaron & Adrienne Warren

September 16, 2006
Andy & Amber Shaffer

September 17, 1993
Joe & Heidi Werling

September 27, 1980
Sam & Marsha Braun

September 30, 1989
Steve & Charli Werling

September 2021

Altar Guild— Denise Scherer and Courtney Taylor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Bible Study	2 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	3	4
5 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	6 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL SPI	7	8 10:00am Bible Study	9 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	10	11
12 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	13 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	14 7:00pm Church Elders Meeting	15 10:00am Bible Study	16 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	17 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18
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Fred and Becky Fuelling.....

Our St. Peter congregation has been blessed with generations of Fred Fuellings, but each have been distinguished by a middle initial different from all of the others. Frederick David Fuelling is the son of Frederick W. Fuelling and grandson of Frederick E. Fuelling. His own son is Frederick M. Fuelling and his grandson is Frederick P. Fuelling. There may have been Frederick Fuellings in generations prior to those just listed, but you understand the multi-generational legacy that comes with the name.

Frederick David Fuelling was born on February 10, 1947, to Frederick W. Fuelling and Donna (Grandstaff) Fuelling. He was the oldest of 12 children. His five brothers and six sisters include: Christine, John, a set of twin sisters who are deceased, Jill, Jerry, Greg, Theresa, Martin, Eric, and Amy (deceased). He grew up on the family farm just north of our church where his youngest brother, Eric, now lives. Fred's father was a farmer and a bus driver. He also worked for the Adams County Highway Department. Interestingly, Fred's grandfather (also Fred) was still living and he actually owned the farm. Fred and Donna stayed on the farm with his dad, brother, Edgar, and sister, Dorothy. As the children came along, there were multiple people to play with, work beside, and to provide guidance. Fred's father raised farm animals, such as milk cows, market hogs, chickens, and sheep. But he also had a penchant for bringing home other animals that people offered to him, such as guinea hens, peacocks, turkeys, goats, and scobie ducks. Donna did not work outside the home. She was quite busy caring for her children and household. She loved Ladies Aid, was a good cook, and had a knack for refinishing and decorating/crafts. She also loved to read, when she could find the time.

Fred was baptized at St. Peter and later attended our grade school. Classmates included Dave Linker, Don Schieferstain, Cynthia Boerger, Sharon Witte, Max Fuelling, and Margene Fuelling. Theodore Grotrian was the teacher. While growing up, Fred said that he helped with chores, dishes, and the garden. Their garden/truck patch stretched from the house to the road, and from the driveway to the crops. They sold their milk to County Line, and in exchange, about every 2 weeks they would receive a huge wheel of County Line Cheese! The family and some neighbors would play baseball in the yard. Fred said that his grandfather often sat outside in a lawn chair to watch their game while listening to the Reds game. Fred was confirmed by Pastor Droegemueller. He attended Monmouth H.S. with approximately 50 in his class. He liked school in general, and shop was his favorite class. He feels that he was friends with most of his classmates. Fred played baseball and basketball, and ran track and cross country all four years of high school. Baseball was his favorite---he bats right and throws right. In cross country, he didn't like the running shoes that they gave him, so he ran in his socks. Fred was also in one of the school plays. He graduated in 1965.

What about Becky... ..

Rebecca Linn Fifer Fuelling was born on February 10, 1947 in Portland, IN to Richard Eugene Fifer and Betty Jane (Degler) Fifer. She was the oldest of three children, who included brothers Michael, and Edward. Richard had several careers including carpentry, ABC Bus Line bus driver (it was like Greyhound), more carpentry, then he sold Dodge cars. Becky specifically remembers him bringing home a pink Plymouth with the huge fins. He later became a plumber, then eventually got a job with GE in plumbing and maintenance. Betty stayed home to care for her children for several years, then got a job at the Book Bindary. She later took a job with CTS.

Like the Fuellings, the Fifers had a truck patch garden at her grandparents' home, and Becky helped with the garden. Becky attended Kindergarten at Muncie Central, then went first - twelfth grades in the Portland school system. She was baptized at the age of 12 in the Church of Christ. Growing up, Becky helped babysit her brothers, and other children. She also did laundry and ironing. By the time that she reached junior high, she determined that her favorite subject was art----any kind of art. At Portland High School she wanted to extend that interest by taking Mechanical Drawing/Drafting, but boys had first choice at that class, and it was filled before she could sign up. Becky estimates that there were about 150 students in her freshman class, and that decreased to 110 in her graduating class. Her best friend in school, and to this day, is Janie Minnich Minch. While in school, Becky participated in GAA, but was frustrated that girls were only allowed to play half court basketball. She was in "Y" Teens, a group that did community service work, and was also a member of the

Cheer Block. The Cheer Block wore “monkey suits” with one color on the front of their shirt, and a different color on the back. They also wore gloves. They had regular practices so that they could spell out words during games. Also during high school, Becky got a job as a carhop at the Root Beer stand. She graduated in 1965. After graduation, Becky’s family moved to Decatur.

One week before graduation, Fred secured a job at GE in Decatur. He worked third shift reaming rotors. Becky got a job at Happy Humpty as a carhop/waitress. At that time “cruisin’” was popular. One night Becky was cruisin’ with Nancy Fifer Blakey, a cousin of hers and a classmate of Fred’s. Fred was cruisin’ with Steve Hakes and Johnny Graves. They stopped at the Happy Humpty and the guys said something to Nancy. Becky started talking to Fred. He later got her phone number and called her for a date. They went to the Adams Theater in downtown Decatur, but neither remember the movie that they saw. (You readers may have noticed that Fred and Becky have the same birthday). That came up on their first date. Neither believed the other, so they got out their driver’s licenses to prove it!

Fred and Becky were married in May, 1967 at the First Methodist Church in Decatur. Most of Fred’s siblings were in the wedding party. Eric and Amy were the ring bearer and flower girl. John was the best man. They had a cake and punch reception in the church basement and honeymooned at Cedar Point. Their first home was an apartment in Decatur, then they bought their current home on 750 North. They are the parents of Frederick M. Fuelling and Jenny Plachon. They have 7 grandchildren. Becky joined our St. Peter congregation later that year in a class with Ron Zimmerman, Al Huston, and Jesse Wolfe.

Fred continued to work for GE for 32 years, eventually transferring to the Fort Wayne plant. He retired from there at age 52. He then worked for Burhwick Home with his brother, Marty doing finish trim on high end houses. After that, he worked for the FBI (Fuelling Brothers Incorporated) doing carpentry work, and finished his work career at Estevez for 6 ½ years before retiring.

Becky worked at CTS, then at Dual Marine, which is now Thunderbird. After Jenny went to school, Becky took a job with the Assessor’s office, then at Wayne Novelty. After that, she worked in shipping and sales for Decatur Wire Die, which became Estevez, retiring in 2016. Fred and Becky have taken some wonderful vacations. They have a family cabin on Webster Lake. They have enjoyed going to Cincinnati Reds ballgames and King’s Island. One of their favorite vacations was a trip to London. Another favorite was a 15 day cruise of the Greek Isles. Other favorites include a tour of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Of note, in the past 3 years, the entire Fuelling clan discovered that they have a brother older than Fred. His name is George and he lives in Florida. This discovery came through an Ancestry.com connection. George has an adopted sister. He and his wife have no children, so they were quite surprised to find out about Fred and his siblings. They have met each other and plan to stay in touch. As a correction to the opening paragraph, this discovery moves Fred to #2 of 13 children.

Fred and Becky have been very active in St. Peter’s church. He has been the President, Deacon, Elder, Treasurer, and School Board Treasurer. Becky has been the secretary to the council, and annually guides the Christmas decorating committee. We are blessed to have them as members of our congregation. In response to an earlier article about Don and Rita Gerke, Fred would like to let everyone know that Don Gerke *does* throw the softball very hard. He also feels that he was raised by this congregation, and that they have been very good to him.

Thank you, Fred and Becky, for sharing your story with us!

----Submitted by Kris Bischoff